Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 24 Oct 2020 until 23:59 on Sunday 25 Oct 2020

Forecast Issued on Saturday 24 Oct 2020 at 02:19 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled, rather cold and showery conditions over the next few days. Low confidence in timings of rain on Tuesday.

Headline for Saturday 24 Oct 2020: Cold and very windy. Early heavy rain followed by showers, wintry on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 24 Oct 2020

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Heavy Rain	Sunny intervals	Light rain showers	Light rain showers (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
70%	70%	20%	30%	30%	10%

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Weather: Heavy rain at first, with summit sleet at first and very windy with storm force winds on the tops and ridges. Brighter conditions arriving from the west in the morning with blustery showers, these heavy and falling as snow above 800m. Small chance of hail and thunder.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Very little chance at fist with extensive cloud down to 500m. Becoming 50% by afternoon with frequent cloud above 600 or 700m, occasionally down to lower slopes in showers.

Visibility: Poor at most elevations at first. Air clarity soon becoming good but with sudden deteriorations as showers pass over. Very poor at times on the tops in wintry showers and low cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	63/78 S	39/61 SW	38/61 S	36/49 S	34/46 S	36/48 S	37/50 S
900	40/55 S	28/40 SW	28/40 SW	25/38 S	24/36 S	26/38 S	26/40 S
600	53/65 S	35/46 SW	34/45 SW	32/44 S	32/43 S	33/45 S	34/46 S
300	27/38 S	19/33 S	20/34 S	18/31 S	17/31 S	18/31 S	20/34 S
Glen	19/41 S	13/30 SW	14/31 SW	13/29 S	10/25 S	12/29 S	13/30 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	3/-7	-0/-9	-1/-10	-1/-10	-2/-10	-2/-11	-2/-11
900	5/-2	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6
600	8/1	5/-1	5/-1	5/-1	4/-2	4/-3	4/-3
300	9/5	7/3	8/3	7/3	6/2	6/1	6/1
Glen	11/8	9/6	10/6	9/6	8/5	7/4	7/4
Freezing Level*	1700m	1200m	1100m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Very windy conditions at first with gusts of 70-80mph on summits and ridges. Cold, windy and showery conditions through the rest of the day with a severe wind chill on the tops.

Forecast for Sunday 25 Oct 2020
Weather: Bright or clear spells and showers, some heavy with snow on the Munro tops. A small risk of hail and thunder. The showers may merge into a longer spell of rain and summit snow across Lochaber late afternoon and evening. Strong, gusty winds with severe wind chill on the tops.

Maximum wind: Mainly South or Southwest 30-35mph, with squally gusts of 50mph at times.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30%. Frequent cloud above 600m, with patches on lower slopes. Becoming more extensive in the west from late afternoon.

Visibility: Often poor on high slopes with low cloud and wintry showers. Excellent visibility at times between showers, especially in the east.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6C rising to 9 or 10C.
At 800m: Plus 2C rising to 4C in afternoon.
Freezing level: 1000m rising to 1300m in afternoon.

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